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This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005. This is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 1, 2006 to May 1, 2006.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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